



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/555,525  
Applicant : Philippe HERVE  
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Examiner : K. M. Thornton

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Customer No. : 23364

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended to March 8, 2004, by filing a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and paying the required fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the specification (i.e., the Abstract) begin on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Specification".

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

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